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In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 19-23 and 26-28.

REMARKS

Claims 19-23 and 26-28 have been cancelled. Claims 1-18 and 24-25 remain pending in this application. The Appendix hereto provides a marked-up version of the changes to the specification with deletions in brackets and additions underlined. It is respectfully requested that the accompanying preliminary amendment be entered prior to examination. The amendments find full support in the original specification and claims. No new matter is presented.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, consideration and allowance of this continuing application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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